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# News Release

## **Former Highland Park High School security guard sentenced for child pornography**

CHICAGO — A 43-year-old former Highland Park High School security guard was sentenced last week to 6 years in prison for child pornography possession, the result of an investigation conducted by U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE).

Fabio Carani, of the 500 block of Onwentsia Ave., Highland Park, was sentenced in federal court Thursday by U.S. District Judge John F. Grady in the Northern District of Illinois on one count of possessing child pornography. In imposing sentence, Judge Grady ruled that Carani lied when he testified in his own defense at trial last year and said he increased the sentence by one year as a result of Carani's perjury. Judge Grady said he hoped the sentence he imposed would "make a difference in the pernicious traffic in child pornography."

ICE agents conducted a federal search warrant in February 2005 at Carani's home and discovered images and videos of child pornography on his home computer, which they seized. He was later arrested. A federal jury convicted Carani after a trial last September. Evidence showed that he had downloaded child pornography from the Internet since 2003, particularly images that involved family incest.

"We've made it an agency priority to stop individuals from using the Internet to abuse and exploit innocent children," said Elissa A. Brown, special agent-in-charge of ICE investigations in Chicago. "ICE is committed to protecting those who cannot protect themselves, and the victims of child sexual exploitation are at the top of that list."

Assistant U.S. Attorney Julie Ruder successfully prosecuted the case.

Carani's arrest and prosecution were part of [Operation Predator](#), ICE's comprehensive initiative to safeguard children from foreign national pedophiles, international sex tourists, Internet child pornographers, and human traffickers. Since Operation Predator was launched in July 2003, ICE agents have arrested more than 6,900 individuals nationwide, including more than 340 in Illinois.

ICE encourages the reporting of suspected child predators and any suspicious activity through its toll-free hotline. The number, 1-866-DHS-2ICE, is monitored 24 hours a day. Suspected child sexual exploitation or missing children may be reported to the National Center for Missing & Exploited Children, an Operation Predator partner, at 1-800-843-5678 or <http://www.cybertipline.com>.

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